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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UN OFFICIALS DISCUSS NATO ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH  
AFRICA WITH SYG LUNS

1. AT JULY 8 NAC MEETING, SYG LUNS BRIEFED THE COUCNIL ON A DISCUSSION

HE HAD ON JULY 4 WITH OFFICIALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UN REGARDING  
SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA.

2. LUNS SAID THAT IN APRIL HE RECIEVED A LETTER FROM RUPIAH  
BANDA, CHAIRMAN OF THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, REQUESTING  
AN APPOINTMENT TO CALL ON LUNS. AFTER SEVERAL POSTPONEMENTS, THE  
REQUEST RELAYED TO LUNS' OFFICE BY A UN REPRESENTATIVE IN BRUSSELS  
WAS THAT LUNS RECEIVE SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR FALL ALONG WITH OTHER  
OFFICIALS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF SWAPO, THE MOVEMENT  
FOR INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA. AFTER DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH  
SEVERAL PERMREPS, LUNS DECIDED THAT HE WOULD NOT FORMALLY AGREE  
TO RECEIVE A SWAPO REPRESENTATIVE BUT WOULD RECEIVE THE  
SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR WITH WHOMEVER HE WANTED TO  
INCLUDE IN HIS ENTOURAGE. WHEN THE CALL TOOK PLACE,  
AMBASSADOR FALL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY UN COMMISSIONER FOR  
NAMIBIA MCBRIDE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF SWAPO'S LONDON OFFICE  
(KATJAWIWI), AND SEVERAL OTHER OFFICIALS.  
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3. LUNS SAID FALL MADE A MODERATE PRESENTATION, BUT MCBRIDE  
ENTERED INTO THE DISUCSSION IN VARIOUS MANNER. THE DELEGATION  
SPOKE PRIMARILY ABOUT FOUR POINTS. THEY ASKED LUNS TO USE HIS  
INFLUENCE TO SEE THAT NATO COUNTRIES DO NOT SUPPORT SOUTH

AFRICAREGARDING NAMIBIA. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT NATO'S ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S PROJECT "ADVOCATE", A SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONICALLY MONITORING THE PASSAGE OF SHIPS AROUND SOUTH AFRICA. THEY SAID SOME EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY NATO COUNTRIES TO SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN LABELED WITH NATO CODE NUMBERS. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SALES BY NATO COUNTRIES OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA DESPITE THE UN EMBARGO.

4. LUNS SAID HE EXPLAINED THERE WERE NOT MILITARYCONTACTS BETWEEN NATO AND SOUTH AFRICA, THAT NATO HAD NOT DISCUSSED "ADVOCATE" WITH SOUTH AFTRICA, AND THAT NATO WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE SALE OF ARMS TO SOUTH ARFICA. LUNS REMARKED THAT THE MEETING SEEMEDTO HAVE GONE WELL. HE UNDERSTOOD THE DELEGATION HAD MADE FAVORABLE REMARKS TO THE PRESS ABOUT WHAT LUNS HAD SAID. LUNS REMARKED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PRECEDENT OF HIS GETTING INVOLVED IN DEMARCHES ON THIS SORT OF ISSUE.

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